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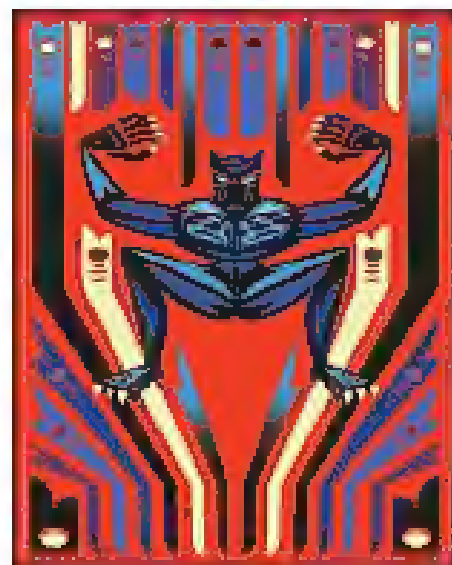
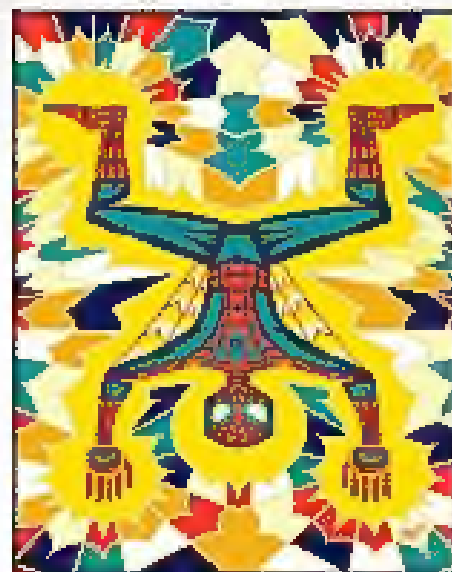
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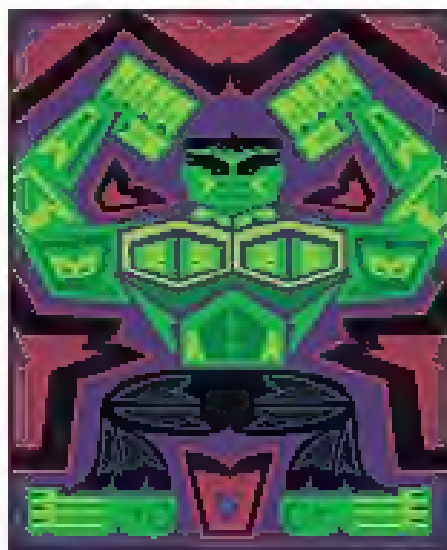
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JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Fed Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leaves a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.





LEAVE THE
BATTLE, BUT KILL
THE HEROES!

NO MATTER
HOW LONG AGO
MY WAR WAS...

...IT ALWAYS COMES
BACK TO HAUNT ME. BUT
I SUPPOSE THAT'S
ALWAYS BEEN A TRUTH:

HEROES
MAY DIE...

KILL THE
AVENGERS
FOR BARON
BLOOD!

...BUT THE
MONSTERS
ALWAYS
COME BACK.

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born. To fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE AVENGERS

Vampires have descended upon the Earth! While Captain Marvel and her Avengers deal with the problem at the heart of this perpetual night, **Captain America** has pulled together a team dedicated to protecting civilians. But Steve Rogers, **Hercules**, **Hawkeye**, **Hazmat** and **Quicksilver** soon found themselves—along with a whole bunch of civilian hostages—pulled onto a Helicarrier manned by vampire Nazis, with none other than **Baron Blood** leading them!

"BLOOD HUNT" PART TWO

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SO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER.

ARE YOU SURPRISED THAT I KNOW A NAZI VAMPIRE, HAWKEYE?

WELL, NO, I SUPPOSE NOT.



THIS IS AN OMEN, CAPTAIN AMERICA, THIS IS A GIFT.

ON THE EVE OF AMERICA'S DEATH, TO HAVE HER CHAMPION DELIVERED TO ME?

SO THAT I MIGHT MAKE YOU FINALLY ONE OF US?

YOU'LL WEAR MY FLAG SOON EN--



TSSSSS

--YAAAH!

SORRY, BARON...



I MAY HAVE SWAPPED MY SHIELD FOR ONE EDGED WITH SILVER...

BUT DESPITE EVERYTHING, THIS FLAG STILL SUITS ME.

LET US
SEE ABOUT
THAT.

I AM
CREATING A
NEW WORLD.
CAPTAIN
AMERICA.

I WILL
CREATE YOU
ANEW AS
WELL.

I'VE COME TO DRAW
BARON FLOOD AWAY,
LEAVING HIS GOONS
DISORGANIZED.

BUT THEN
WOULDN'T WE BE
DISORGANIZED?

YOU'RE
AVENGERS.

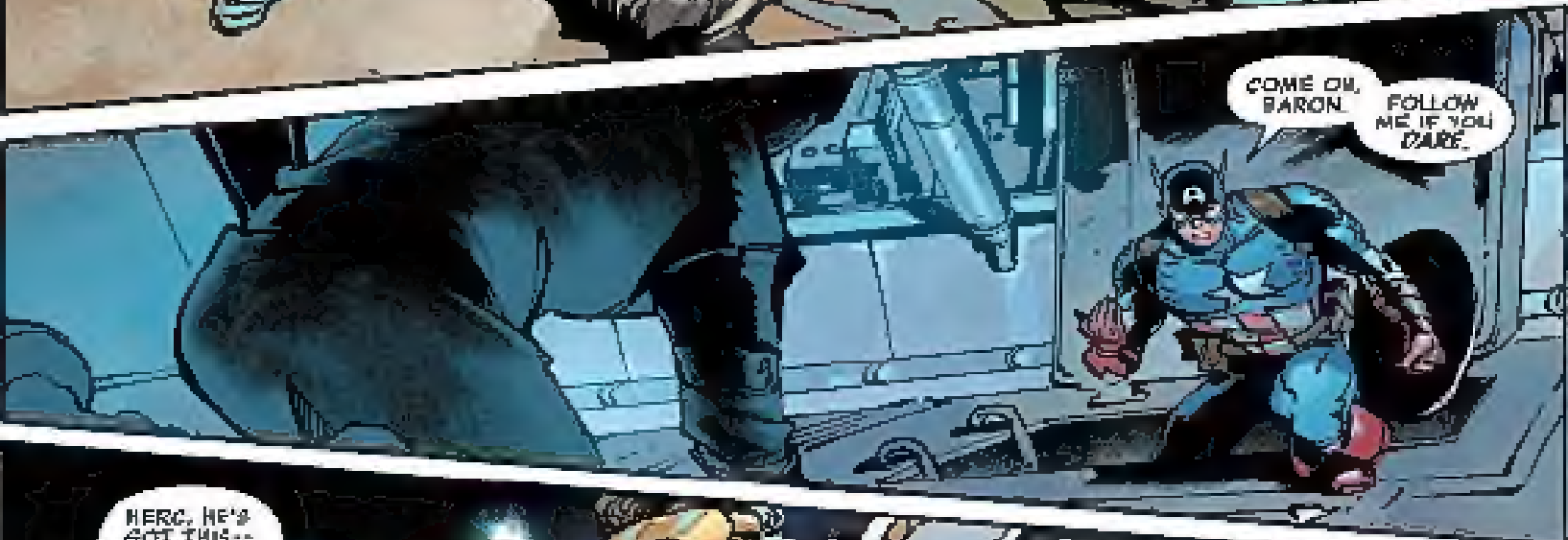
WE'RE ONE
SWING UP FROM THE
CASUALTY CAPULETS. GET
THESE PEOPLE THERE
AND CERTAIN THEM
TO SAFETY.

BRING
IT ON,
BARON!

BRACE
YOURSELF,
CAPTAIN!

I'VE
WAITED FOR
THIS SINCE
1942!

FLANG





HOPE NO ONE MINDS
A BIT OF A
SUNTAN!

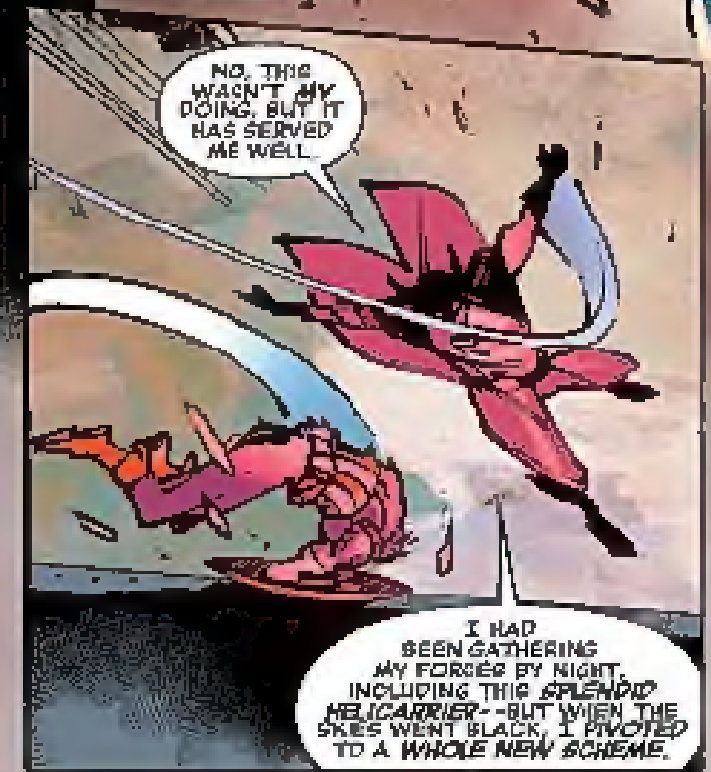
POW!!!





DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE BEHIND
THE BARNED
SKIES, BLOOD.

OF
COURSE
NOT, THOUGH
I DO LIKE
IT.
REMINDS ME
OF DEAR OLD
ENGLAND.



NO, THIS
WASN'T MY
DOING, BUT IT
HAS SERVED
ME WELL.

I HAD
BEEN GATHERING
MY FORCES BY NIGHT,
INCLUDING THIS **SPLendid**
HELICARRIER--BUT WHEN THE
SKIES WENT BLACK, I PIVOTED
TO A **WHOLE NEW SCHEME**.



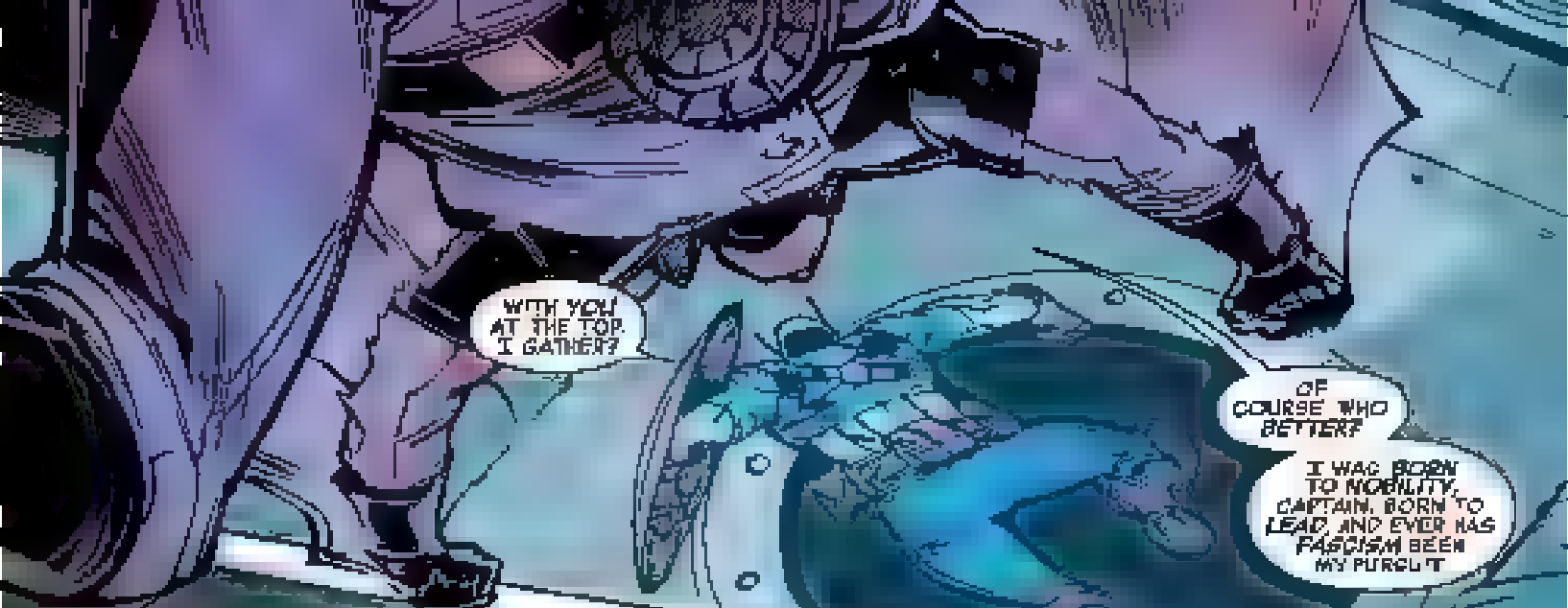
EVER THE
OPPORTUNISTIC
BUZZARD.

HAI!
YOU SEEK
TO WOUND ME,
CAPTAIN. BUT I WILL
ACCEPT YOUR
JUDGMENT.



YOUR
WORLD IS OVER,
CAPTAIN AMERICA.
DEAD.

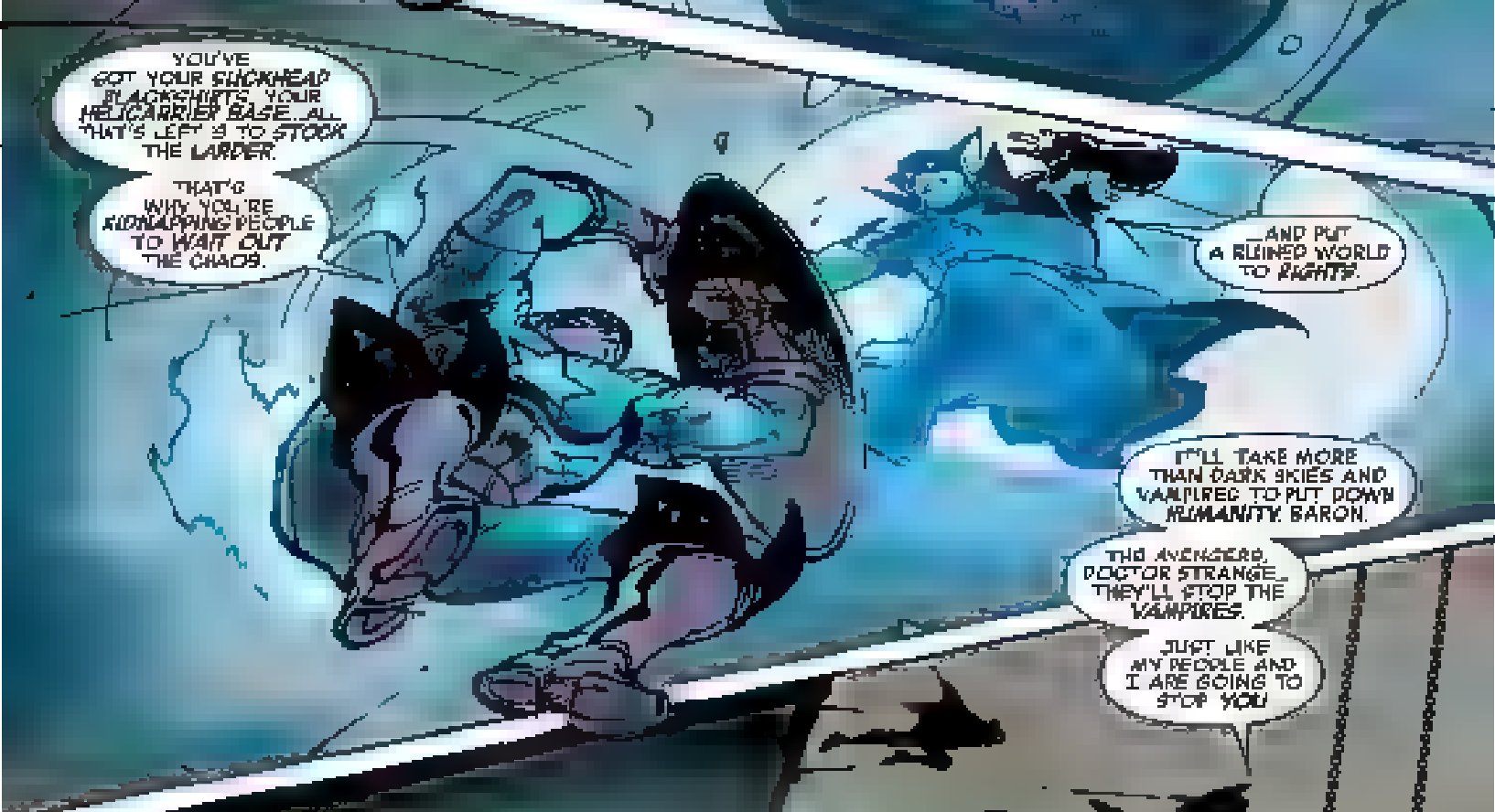
ME AND
MINE ARE
INDEED PICKING
OVER ITS CORPSE
FOR WHAT WILL BE
NEEDED TO USHER
IN THE **NEW ONE**.



WITH YOU
AT THE TOP
I GATHER?

OF
COURSE WHO
BETTER?

I WAS BORN
TO NOBILITY,
CAPTAIN. BORN TO
LEAD. AND EVER HAS
FASCISM BEEN
MY PURSUIT



YOU'VE
GOT YOUR SUCKHEAD
BLACKSHIRTS. YOUR
HELICARRIER BASE. ALL
THAT'S LEFT IS TO STOCK
THE LARDER.

THAT'S
WHY YOU'RE
KIDNAPPING PEOPLE
TO WAIT OUT
THE CHAOS.

AND PUT
A RUINED WORLD
TO RIGHTS.

IT'LL TAKE MORE
THAN DARK SKIES AND
VAMPIRES TO PUT DOWN
HUMANITY. BARON.

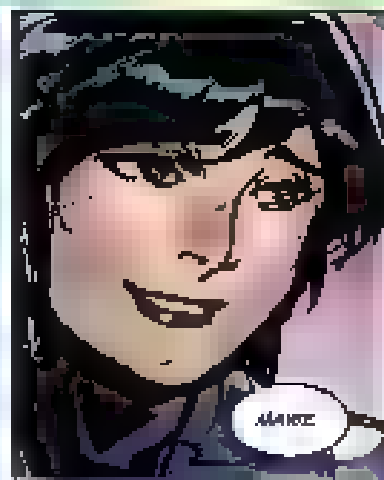
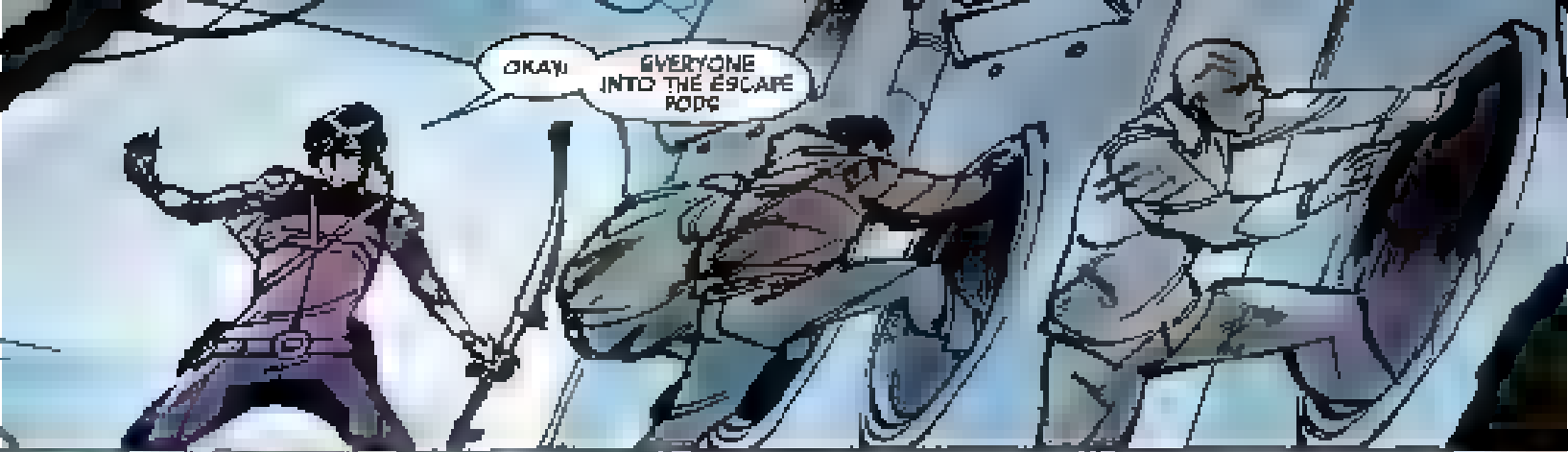
THE AVENGERS,
DOCTOR STRANGE.
THEY'LL STOP THE
VAMPIRES.

JUST LIKE
MY PEOPLE AND
I ARE GOING TO
STOP YOU



OH,
CAPTAIN.

CAN'T
YOU SEE THAT
WATCHING YOU
TRY IS HALF
THE FUN?

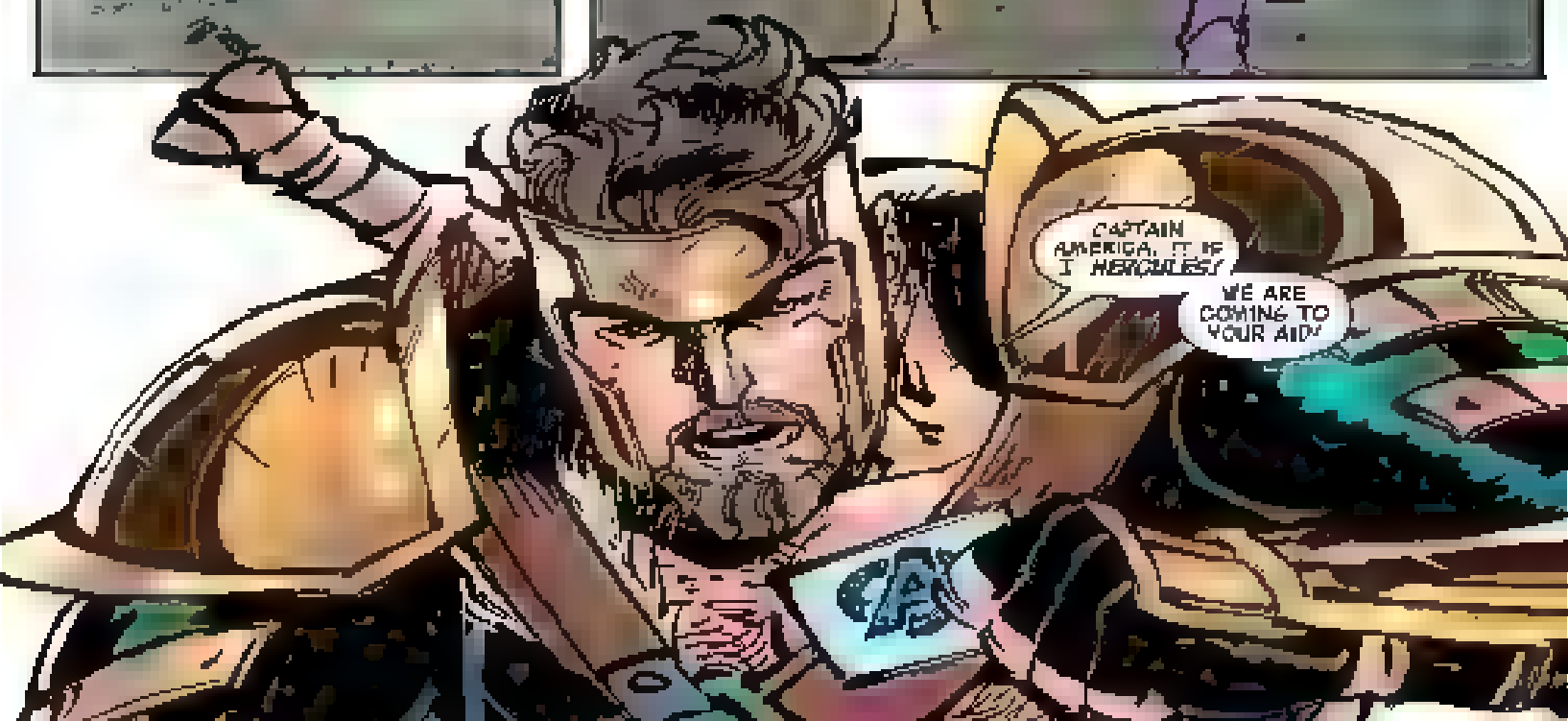




AND THAT'S
THE CIVILIANS
SAFE!

EXCELLENT

NOW
FOR THE
VAMPIRES.



CAPTAIN
AMERICA, IT IS
I HERCULES!

WE ARE
COMING TO
YOUR AID!

ARE THE
INNOCENTS
SAVED?

AYE

OUTSTANDING.
I'VE GOT BARON
BLOOD ON MY TAIL.
WE NEED TO NEUTRALIZE
HIM AND THE OTHER
VAMPIRES AND THEN
TAKE CONTROL OF
THIS SHIP.

WITH THE
NUMBERS WE'VE
SEEN SO FAR HE MUST
BE RUNNING A SKELETON
CREW, WHICH WE
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO HANDLE.

"SKELETON
CREW"

HOW VERY
DROLL

UNH!

WHAT CAN I SAY?
I ALWAYS LIKED
VADEVILLE

YOU'D
HAVE FIT
RIGHT IN.

VADEVILLE?
USK.

HOW VERY
COMMON, CAPTAIN,
BUT THAT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN YOUR WAY.






AVENGERS,
WE HAVE A
PROBLEM...

BARON BLOOD
HAS A LOT MORE
VAMPIRES THAN WE
THOUGHT

THAT'S
NOT THE
ONLY PROBLEM,
CAP.



HE'S ALSO
GOT A LOT MORE
PRISONERS THAN
WE THOUGHT



SO, UM, A QUESTION FOR OUR RESIDENT HELICOPTER EXPERT.

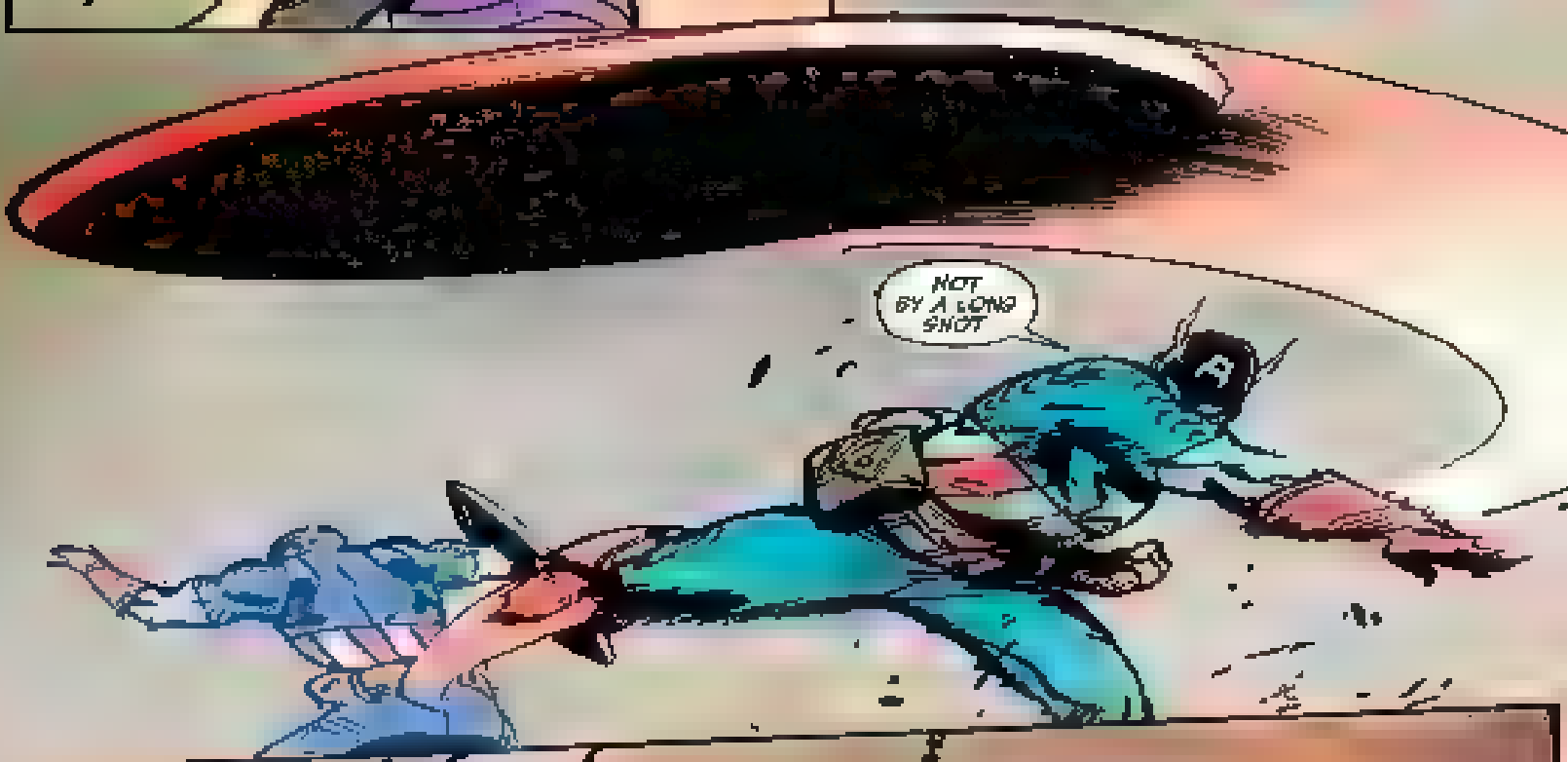
HOW MANY ESCAPE PODS DOES THIS TUB HAVE?

NOT ENOUGH.



FACE FRONT, AVENGERS!

WE HAVEN'T LOST THIS ONE YET



NOT BY A LONG SHOT



YAAAH!



DO YOU
SEE, CAPTAIN
AMERICA?

DO YOU
SEE HOW FUTILE
THIS IS?

MY VAMPIRE
RESERVES ARE
AWAKENING. EVEN
YOUR RIDICULOUS
AVENGERS CAN'T
FIGHT THEM
ALL!

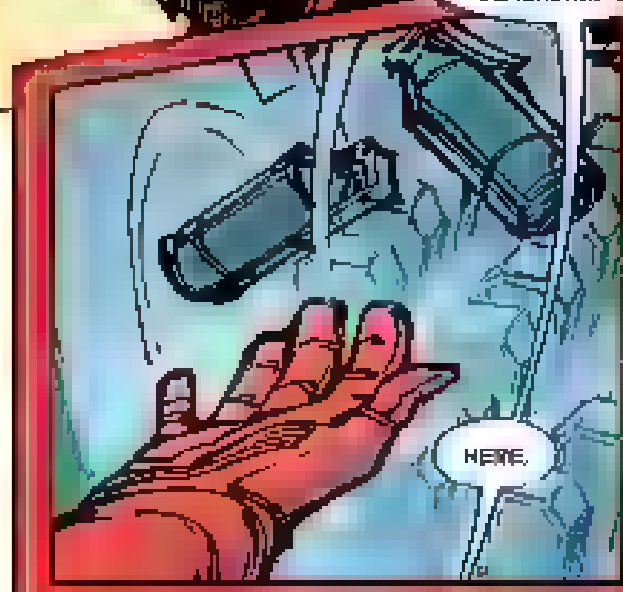


"CAN'T FIGHT THEM
ALL."

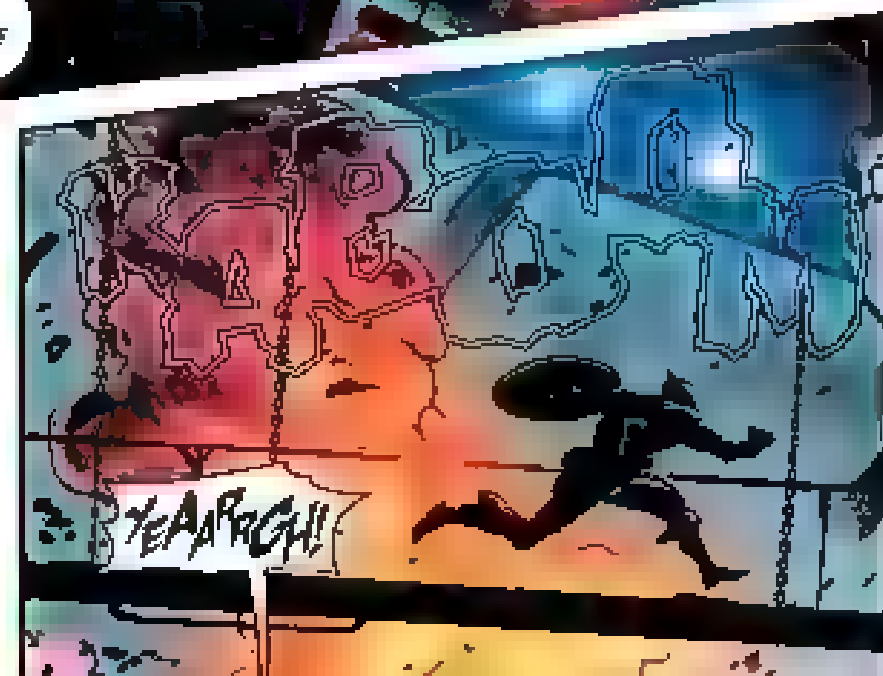
YOU SAY
THAT 'LIKE
IT'S A THREAT
TO ME?

IT'S JUST
DISAPPOINTING.

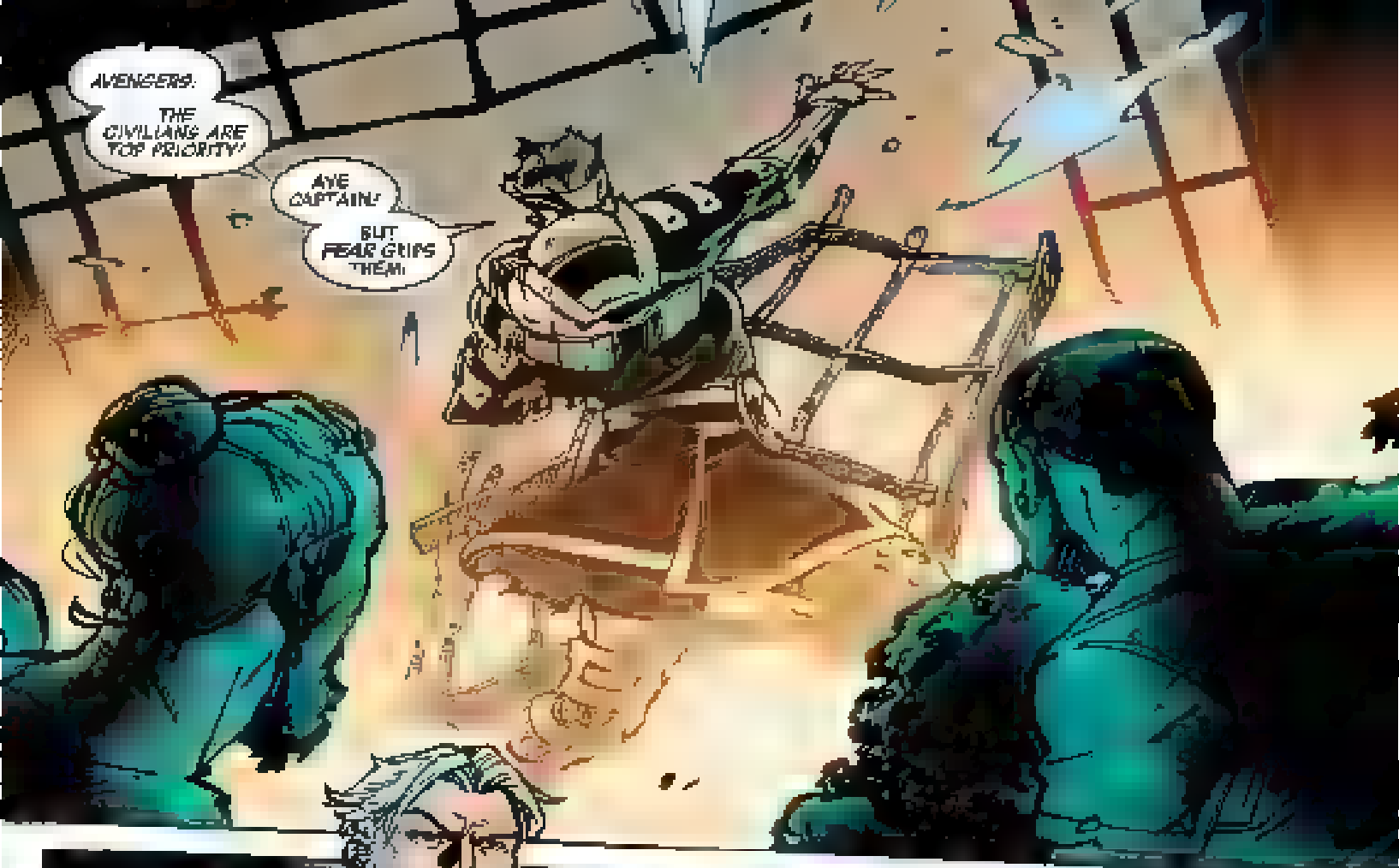
BECAUSE
IF I HAD MY WAY,
I'D LAY HANDS ON
EVERY SINGLE ONE
OF YOUR
BLACKSHIRT'S



HERE.



YEAAAAH!!



AVENGERS:

THE
CIVILIANS ARE
TOP PRIORITY!

AYE
CAPTAIN!

BUT
FEAR GRIPS
THEM.

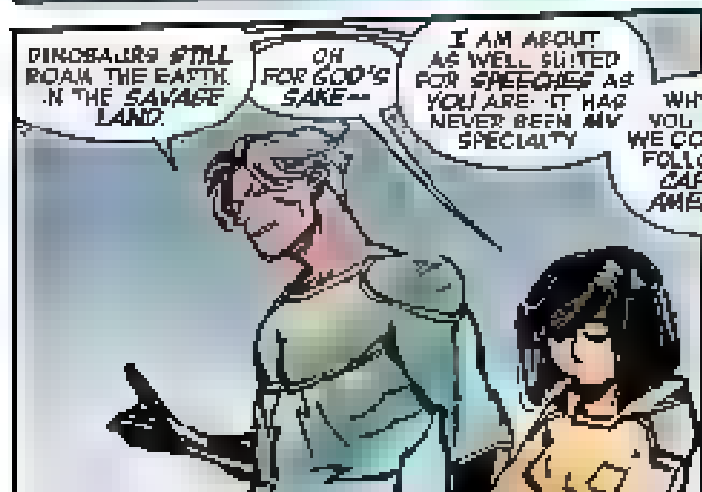


WE NEED A
SPEECH.

GIVE THEM
HOPE, BOLSTER
THEIR SPIRITS
THAT SORT OF
THING.

WELL?

HAVEN'T
YOU BEEN AN
AVENGER SINCE THE
DINOSAURS ROAMED
THE EARTH?
SO WILD

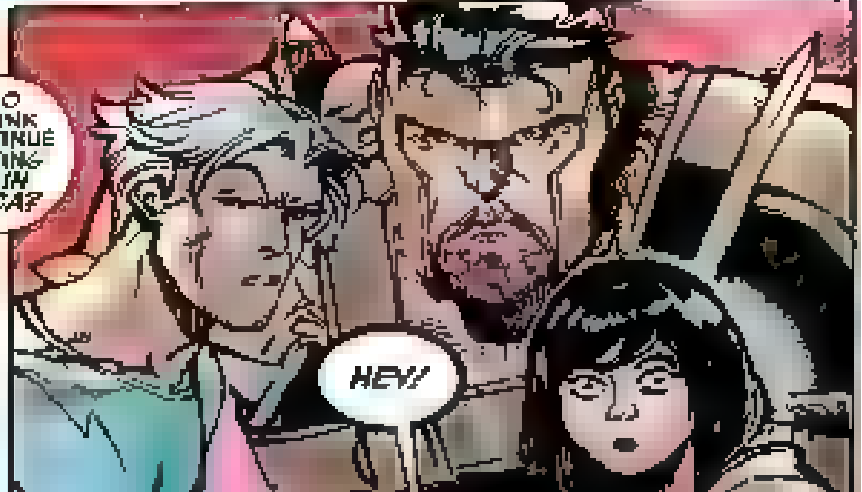


DINOSAURS STILL
ROAM THE EARTH
IN THE SAVAGE
LAND.

OH
FOR GOD'S
SAKE--

I AM ABOUT
AS WELL SUITED
FOR SPEECHES AS
YOU ARE. IT HAS
NEVER BEEN MY
SPECIALTY

WHY DO
YOU THINK
WE CONTINUE
FOLLOWING
CAPTAIN
AMERICA?



HEY!



LISTEN UP.

I KNOW YOU'RE ALL SCARED I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN TOUGH ON YOU.

I KNOW BECAUSE I'M IN THE SAME BOAT AS ALL OF YOU.

I DON'T HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS, JUST LIKE YOU.

BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER, AND SO DO YOU.



WE'VE GOT THE AVENGERS

AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP YOU SAFE, WHATEVER IT TAKES

WHATEVER CREEPY CRAWLIES THERE ARE ON THIS HELICARRIER THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET THROUGH US FIRST

HERCULES IS A LIVING GOD.

QUICKSILVER MOVED FASTER (AND HAS A WORSE ATTITUDE) THAN ANY BLOODSUCKER

NAMOR

RAIMAT HERE HAS DEEP-FRIED MORE VAMPIRES TONIGHT THAN THE COLONEL HAS DONE CHICKENS

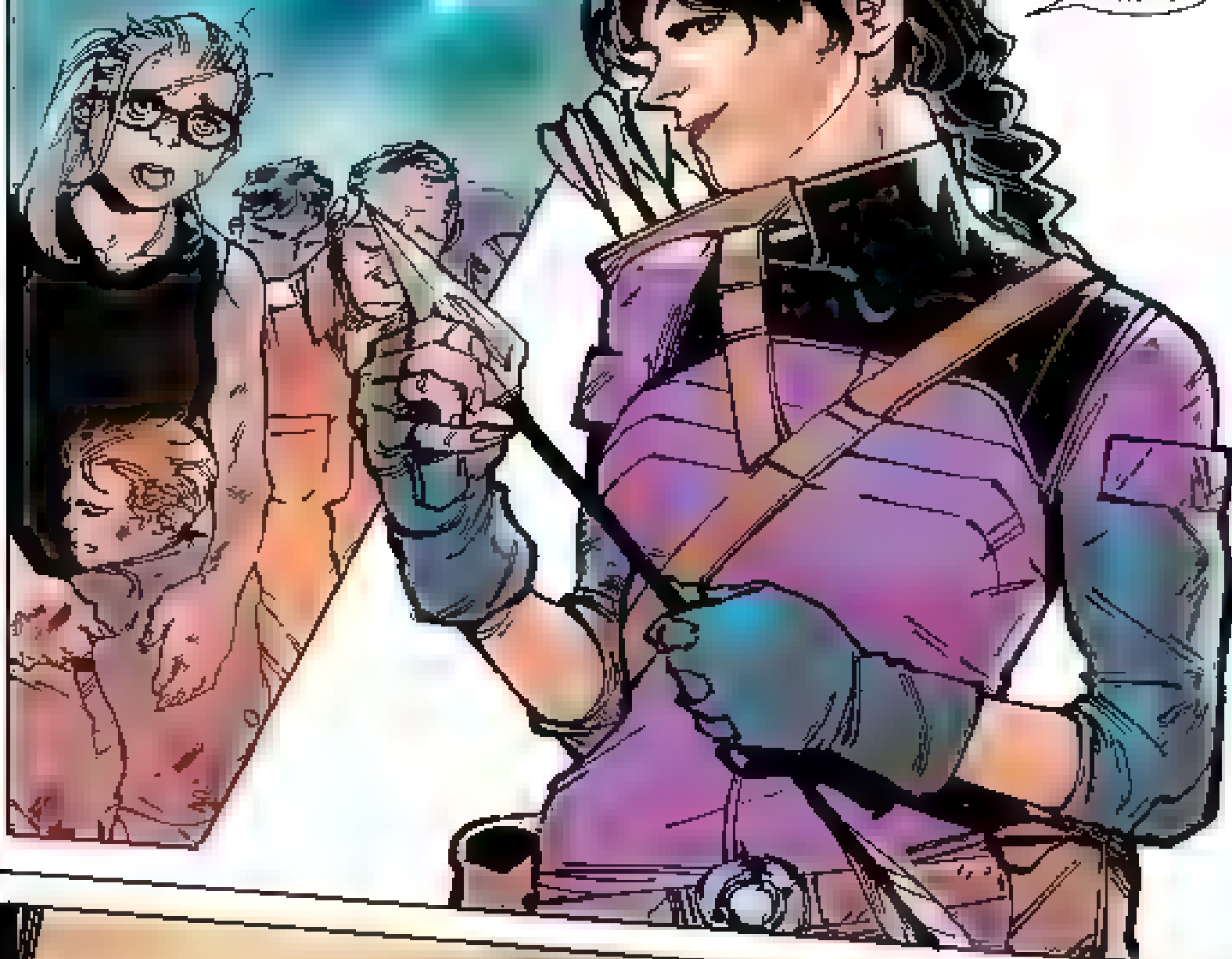
AND THAT'S NOT EVEN COUNTING CAPTAIN AMERICA, WHO THE ENTIRE WEHRMACHT COULDN'T KILL

BUT
WHAT ABOUT
YOU?

YOU
DON'T HAVE ANY
POWERS.

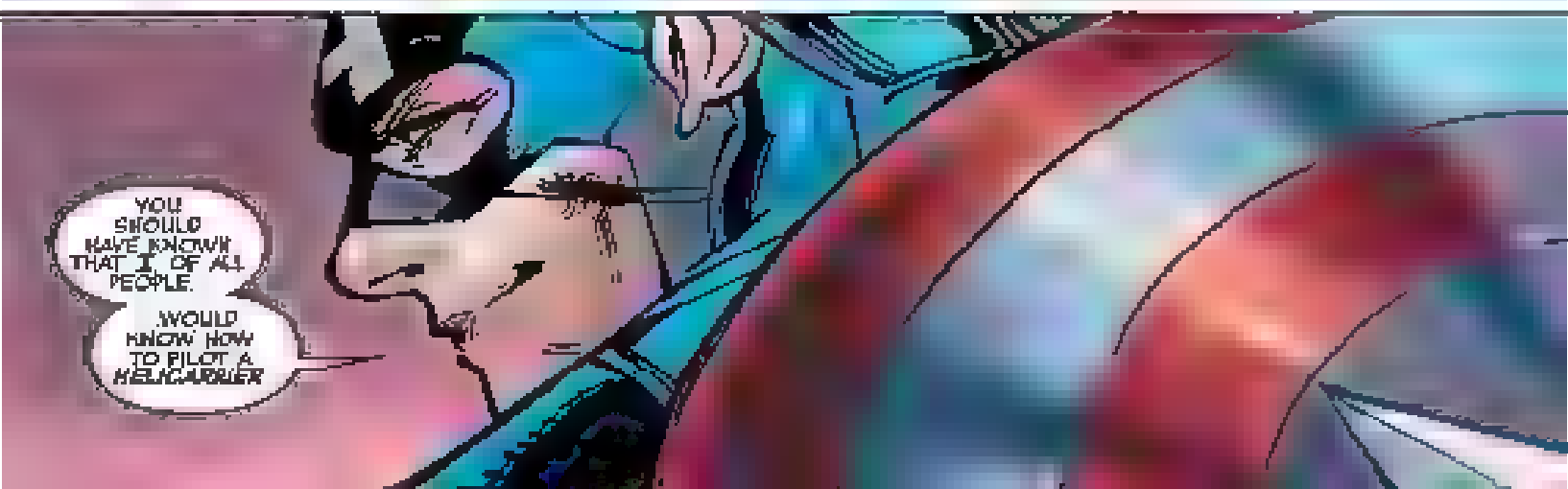
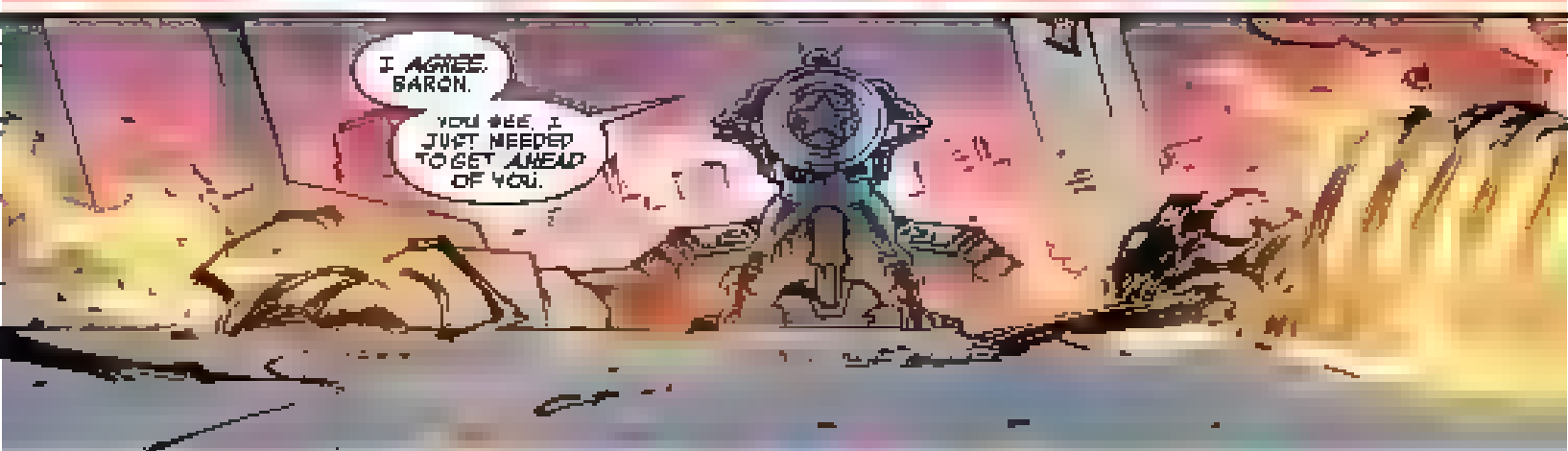
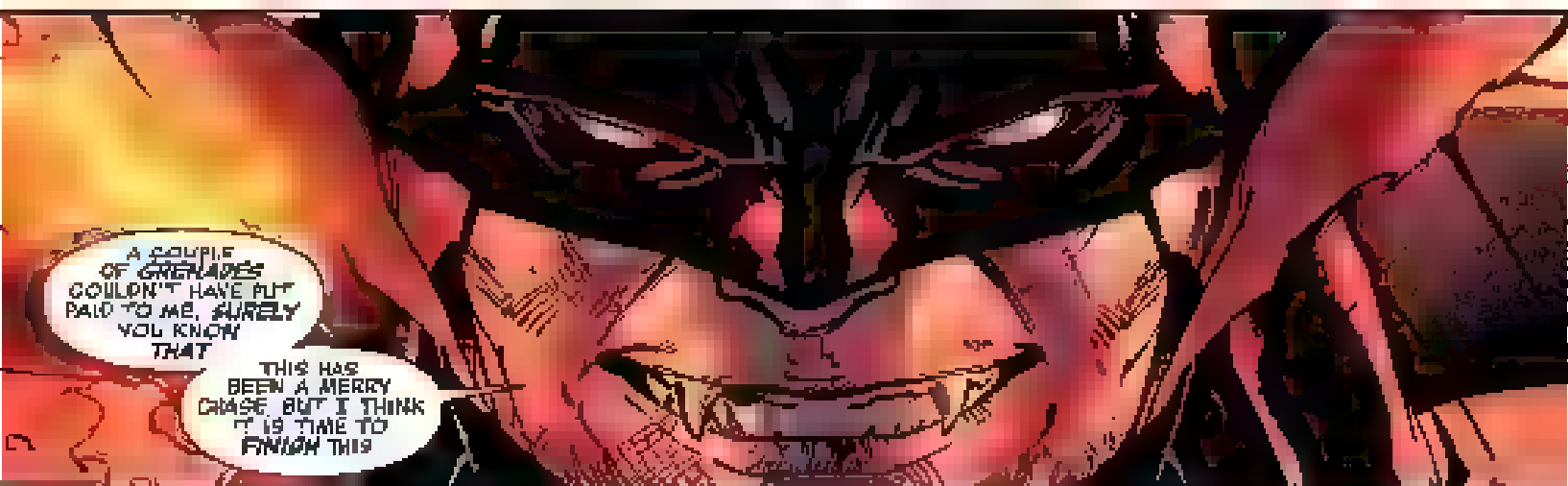
HEY I'M
A MANHATTAN
SOCIALITE WHO USES
ONE STICK TO SHOOT
OTHER, SMALLER
STICKS.

AND AS IT
TURNS OUT,
VAMPIRES HATE
STICKS.



SO
WHAT DO YOU
SAY?





УАДАН!!!

ATTENTION,
EVERYONE!

THIS IS
YOUR CAPTAIN
SPEAKING.

BUCKLE
UP.



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

Move over, Martin—there's a new sheriff in town! His are some pretty big shoes to fill—no one else would go to bat for Mint Julep as the next Avenger, but I aspire to make equally colorful recommendations. Anyway, there're a lot of letters and not a lot of space, so let's get started! Speaking of Mint Julep...

Dear Assemblers,
Whoa! It sort of figured, but I was still surprised by the Avengers' involvement in the Orchis problem, starting in *AVENGERS* #11 and carrying on to issue #12. I mean, it makes sense since Tony is involved in trying to stop Orchis over in his own book, but I didn't think it would be carried over to this title. COOL! And to have 3-D Man involved—but he's playing for Orchis!?! No! I expect this storyline will carry on up to the end of the X-Men's involvement this summer. Anyway, I also enjoyed Jarvis being in issue #11, and whenever that Gummy guy is, he's a welcome addition too. Yuna in issue #12? Not sure what's going on there, but it was interesting.

Martin's suggestion that Mint Julep be added to the roster was funny! I remember her from a P. Craig Russell drawn issue of *AMAZING ADVENTURES* featuring Killraven, but what would her designation be? Mint Julep: The Drink? lol

Alan Bowman
Sagamihara City, Japan

"The Outsider"—she's an alien! And Mr. Sweeney was first introduced way back in *AVENGERS* #201, by David Michelinie and George Pérez, when he went by Bruiser and stomped around the Bronx extorting people. Jarvis basically humiliated him into walking the straight and narrow, as Jarvis often does for wayward youths (right, Tony?), and now Sweeney's finally worthy of being Jarvis' assistant. Anyway, glad you enjoyed those issues, Alan—for more on Yuna, check out Alyssa Wong, Jan Bazaldua & Resiri Coleman's delightful *CAPTAIN MARVEL*!

I've been following a bit of Joel's work since his run with *Magik: The Gathering* comic books. *AVENGERS* #11 truly impressed me with the little food tidbits regarding the Avengers' favorite meals. It's not much, but it was a lot of fun.

More, please.
Jonathan Mark To

Agreed, Jonathan—there's nothing I love like a good ol' fun-facts profile that tells you all the characters' favorite foods, favorite bands, blood types...but, hey, working

that info organically into the story is even better! Stay tuned for the issue where Jarvis decorates each character's HQ bedroom according to their ideal color scheme and interior design style. The results may surprise you!

What's up, Earth's Mightiest Creative Team?
I just finished reading issues #12 and #13, and it might end up being one of my favorite mini-arcs of this run so far. Mostly because I'm one of the six 3-D Man fans out there.

I've always thought Delroy was incredibly underrated. That might be nostalgic talking because *AVENGERS: THE INITIATIVE* #14 was one of the first series I ever bought, and 3-D Man left an impression on me. And it cemented my belief that even if a character isn't Spider-Man or Wolverine levels of popularity, they can still be an amazing hero with the right creative team. And you guys did just that for this short two-parter. I was a bit nervous, thinking you guys were gonna turn Delroy evil, but I was thinking he might be the Avengers' mole inside of Orchis. Lo and behold, I was correct!

You guys did a good job showing just how effective 3-D Man could be in a strategic and security position, and I would love to see him join the team in the future to show off his other three-dimensional powers. Maybe if you guys pull a "The Old Order Changeth" and rotate the Avengers roster a bit in a future story arc. Either way, keep up the work, guys! Because this Avengers fan has been incredibly happy with this run, and I can't wait to see what else you guys have got in store!

Sincerely,
Kevan Iago

I'll tell ya, Kevan, there might be a lot more than six 3-D Man fans, because a whole lot of people wrote in to express their excitement to see him—AND their concerns about a heel turn before issue #13 dropped! Sorry to anyone who gets nervous over that headwinkery, but, hey, if you're going to fool Orchis... Anyway, I hope the roster switch-up for these few issues has scratched that itch, but if not, there's always more *AVENGERS* on the horizon!

Now that I've more than exhausted my designated page space, that's all we've got for today, folks. See you next month!

Michelle Marchese
Assistant Editor

NEXT

#16

BLOOD HUNT

TIE-IN!



Captain America's steering the Helicarrier now...but it's loaded with more hostages and more vampires than the Avengers could have predicted! Plus, **Baron Blood** has a few more tricks up his sleeves! Will the team be able to rescue everyone? Will the Helicarrier go plummeting down to the city below? And will the Captain be forced to go down with his ship? Don't miss the bloody conclusion of this Blood Hunt story!

BLOOD HUNT

CHECKLIST

JUNE

- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
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- ☒ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- ☒ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- ☒ FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- ☒ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☒ BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- ☒ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- ☒ VENOM #34
- ☒ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ AVENGERS #15
- ☐ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
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- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

JULY

- ☐ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- ☐ DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- ☐ DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- ☐ WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☐ AVENGERS #16
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- ☐ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- ☐ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4